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DEDICATION

I dedicate these pages to all the members of my family, especially my wife, Farzana Ahmad Khan, without whose support I could not complete the tour peacefully and successfully; and my children who bore the absence

REPARATION OF THIS WORK

All the work has been done by me, including typing. For any error, whatsoever, I may be excused. The photographs were taken in 1989 with a 135 mm camera.

Most of the photographs are with my wife, friends and relatives. I am thankful to all those who happened to be in the photographs; and express my indebtedness to them; and consider these as Memoirs.

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In 1989, I was in England for a Training Programme. After completion of the training I got my stay extended. While on training at Derby in England, I had made arrangements to visit European countries especially the Northern countries. Entry into most of the countries was without visa, as we had Gratis Passports. Wherever, this facility was not available we got the visa through postal service during training. For France we got the visa from the French Embassy in London. After getting the Re-entry Visa for England, we set out for France through Dover - Calais Route in a Ferry.

ENGLAND TO FRANCE

We started for France from Victoria Station, London by train to Dover. The journey was very enjoyable we passed through the vast fields. When we reached Dover, the ferries and hoover crafts were ready for Calais, France. For a moment, we were indecisive to board a ferry or a hoover craft. We decided for the ferry and after fulfilling the necessary formalities boarded a ferry which after sometime set out for Calais. On our way we took some photograph placed on the following pages.

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THE IMMIGRATION

The Immigration Process for entering into France was completed in the ferry in which there was a counter manned by the French Immigration Authorities. The process was very smooth and convenient.

CALAIS TO PARIS

We boarded off the ferry at the Calais where a train was ready to take us to Paris. The people with road vehicles just drove off the ferry and were on road to take their journey further.

We entertained and after sometime the train was on its way to Paris. When we touched the ground of Europe at Calais everything passed through our minds whatever we have read or seen in the movies. It was an exciting and thrilling moment of our lives. The journey was quite enjoyable. The train was passing through vast land and occasional small or big towns were passing by. At last we entered into Paris a dreamland of course. Our excitement had no bound when it stooped at the Dead End of **Gare du Nord of Paris**. Our host was there in the reception area which made us happy and comfortable. He took us in a cab to his place in **Palais** De Clichy, **Paris.**

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PLACE DE CLICHY
PARIS
FRANCE

The **Place de Clichy** is in the North Western Paris. It is formed by the

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EIFEL TOWER

PARIS
FRANCE

The first thing we wanted to see in Paris was the Eifel Tower. Therefor our first visit was the Eifel Tower. Early in the morning we entrained the nearby underground train to the nearest station of the tower and when we came out at the surface it was really another world. We came across huge buildings and a high platform

TERRACES OF JARDINS DU TROCADÉRO

Jardins du Trocadéro (**Gardens of the Trocadero**) is an open space, bounded to the Eifel Tower on the opposite bank of the Seine. This is the place where we stayed and took photographs of Eifel Tower. There was a great rush of tourists busy taking photographs and watching the Tower from there across the river.
This is a famous photo- shoot point, where, even, Hitler got himself photographed.

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COURTESY TO WHO TOOK IT
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WALKING TOWARDS TOWER

From Terraces of Jardins Du Trocadéro, we started moving towards the Tower.

FOUNTAINS OF WARSAW

On our way to the Tower, we passed by a long basin like a water mirror, with fountains creating columns of water 12 meters high; fountains creatinine columns four meters high; and arches of water. , there were powerful water cannons, facing the Seine, able to project jet of water fifty meters. Above the long basin were smaller basins, linked with the lower basin with sprays of water.

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TOWER

When we reached the Tower it was a picnic for us. At first we went up stair through a lift and reached the highest point. There we stayed for a long time. Got our tickets stamped and saw the city of Paris from such a high point. The very feeling that we were on the Eifel Tower was giving us strange and exciting feeling. It was the 100th year of the Tower therefore the number of people was exceptionally high at and around the tower. At a platform different direction were shown by the famous places of the countries in those directions. It was well lit at night. So we were there at an occasion. We spent the maximum time there and enjoyed a lot. We will remember those moments lifelong.

NAPOLEON TOMB
&
MILITARY MUSEUM

Napoleon Tomb and Military Museum are two very important places to be visited while in Paris.

One day we went there with our hosts and spent the whole day at both places like a picnic and enjoyed a lot.

MUSEUM SIDE

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NAPOLEON'S TOMB SIDE

These photographs are of the tomb side. The Tomb was under repair in those days, so could not see much of it but it was equally fun to sit around and enjoy.

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THE BRETEUIL SIDE
FROM NAPOLEON TOMB
PARIS – FRANCE
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NOTRE-DAME
DE
PARIS

Notre-Dame de Paris means "*Our Lady of Paris*". Notre-Dame is an iconic Cathedral of Paris, France.

I am a movie goer so at an early age had seen the famous movie '**Hunchback of Notre Dame'** of Anthony Quinn and Sophia Loran. When in Paris, could not help but to see this cathedral. So one day I with Farzana went to see the place. At first we had a glance of the church from a distance while standing on the bridge on the River Seine. It reminded the movie and it flashed through my mind.

Slowly we started walking towards the Church and took photographs from different distances till we entered into it. Then, we did not remember the time and remained there till we could see whole of it.

We went on the top of the Cathedral as well and saw the famous bell and gargoyles.

TOWARDS THE CATHEDRAL

From the bridge we gradually walked towards the cathedral.

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INSIDE THE CATHEDERAL

We entered the cathederal without any reservation or sanction. We reamined there for quite long time and took photographs freely.

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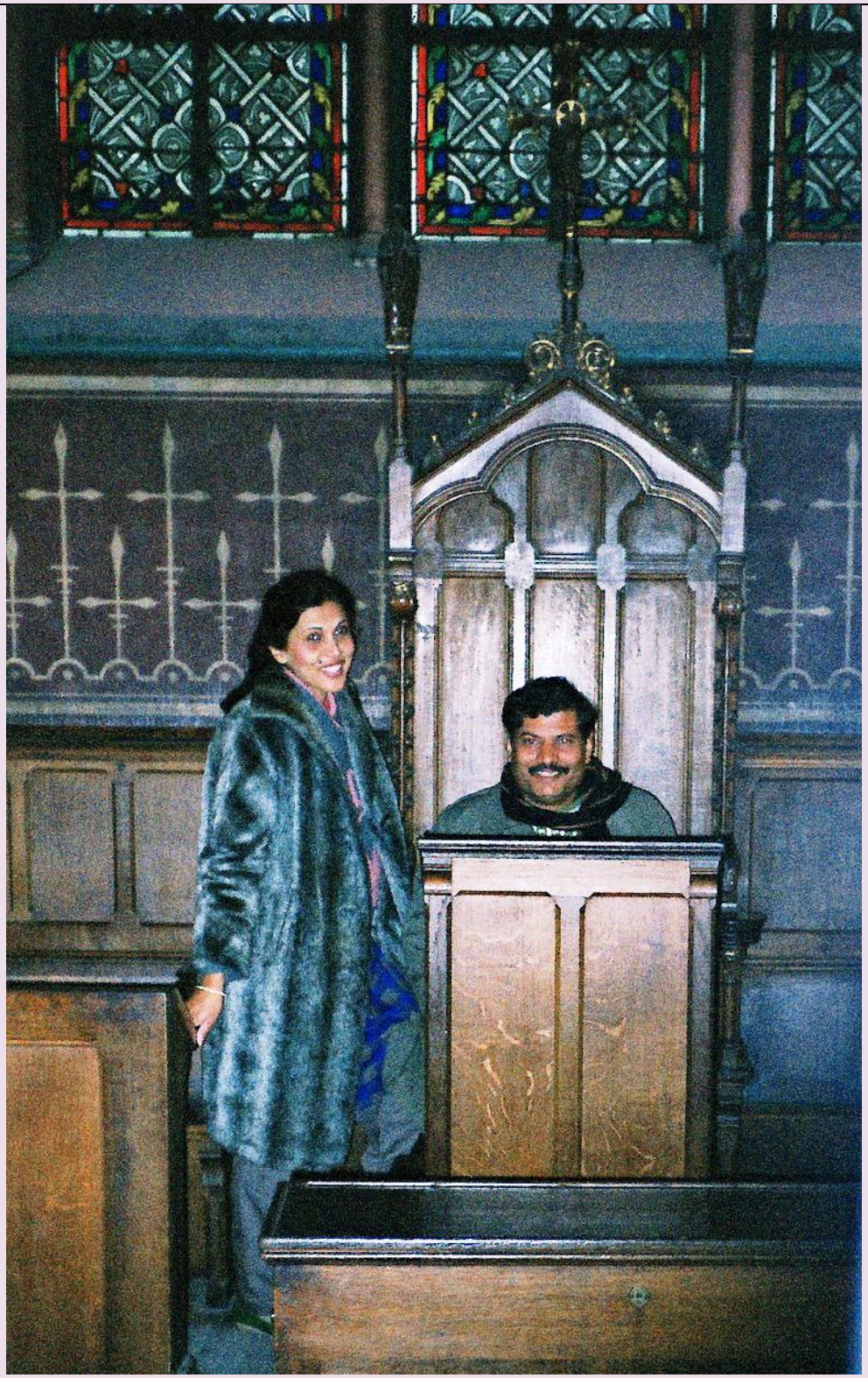

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ON THE TOP OF THE CATHEDRAL

We also went upstairs especially to see the bell churned by Hunchback in the movie.

THE BELL

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ON THE TOP OF NOTRE DAME

We went on the top of the Notre Dame Cathedral and had a view of Paris, France. Also saw the Gargoyle there.

VIEW OF PARIS FROM ROOF TOP OF THE TOP OF NOTRE DAME PARIS 1989

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CENTRE GEORGES POMPIDOU
PARIS
FRANCE

Centre Georges Pompidou or **Centre Pompidou** and also known as the **Pompidou Centre** is a building in the Beau Bourg area of Paris. It houses a vast public library. Being a tourist attraction one day we went there and roamed about the environs and enjoyed seeing different attractions.

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RIVER SEIN

PARIS
FRANCE

River Seine is one of the largest rivers which passes through Paris. This river while passing through adds to the beatification of the city and makes an addition to the tourists' points. Whenever we went out in the city we used to come across the river and a beautiful spot. We took some photographs placed below.

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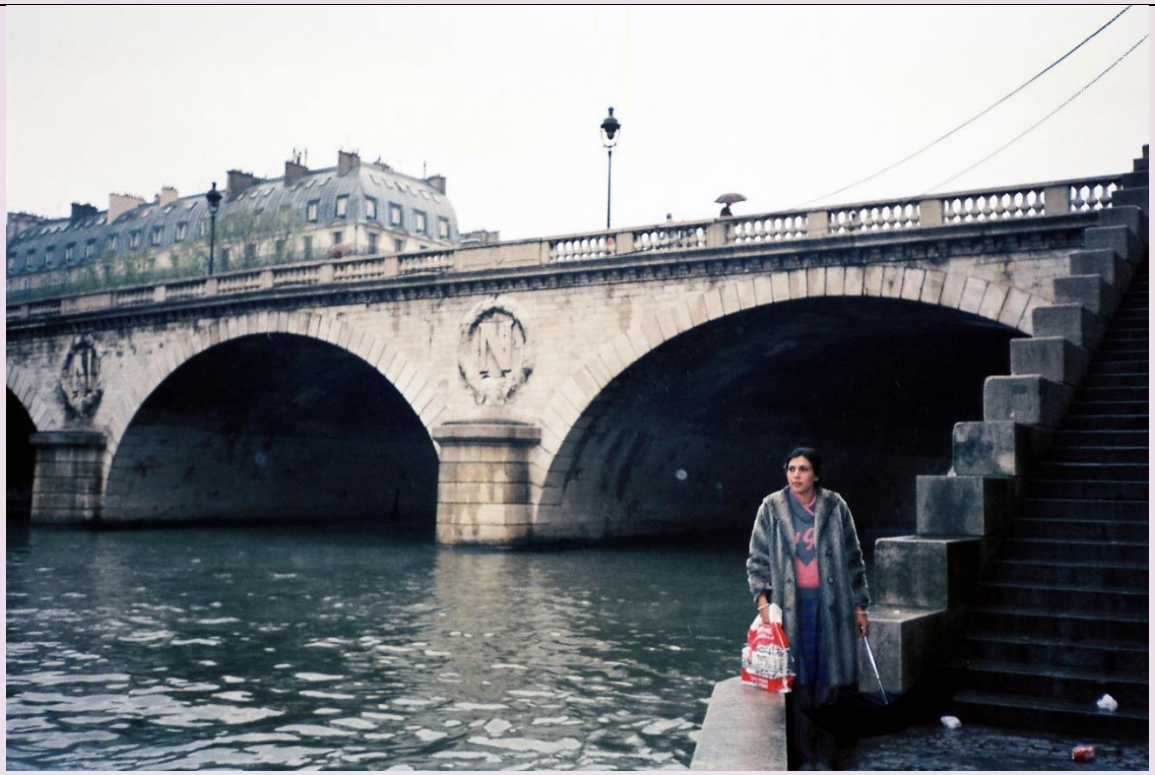

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PLACE DU TERTRE

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The Place du Tertre is a square in Paris only a few streets away from Sacre Coeur near the summit of the Montmartre quarter with its many artists, painters, songwriters and poets setting up their easels each day for the tourists.

We used to pass by this square whenever coming or going towards the attractions towards Sacre Coeur; and enjoyed seeing these artists busy doing their work.

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SACRÉ CŒUR

PARIS
FRANCE

The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Paris, commonly known as Sacré-Cœur Basilica and often simply Sacré-Cœur, is a Roman Catholic Church dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in Paris, France.

This was the commonly visited place by us. Quite impressive and a focus of tourists.

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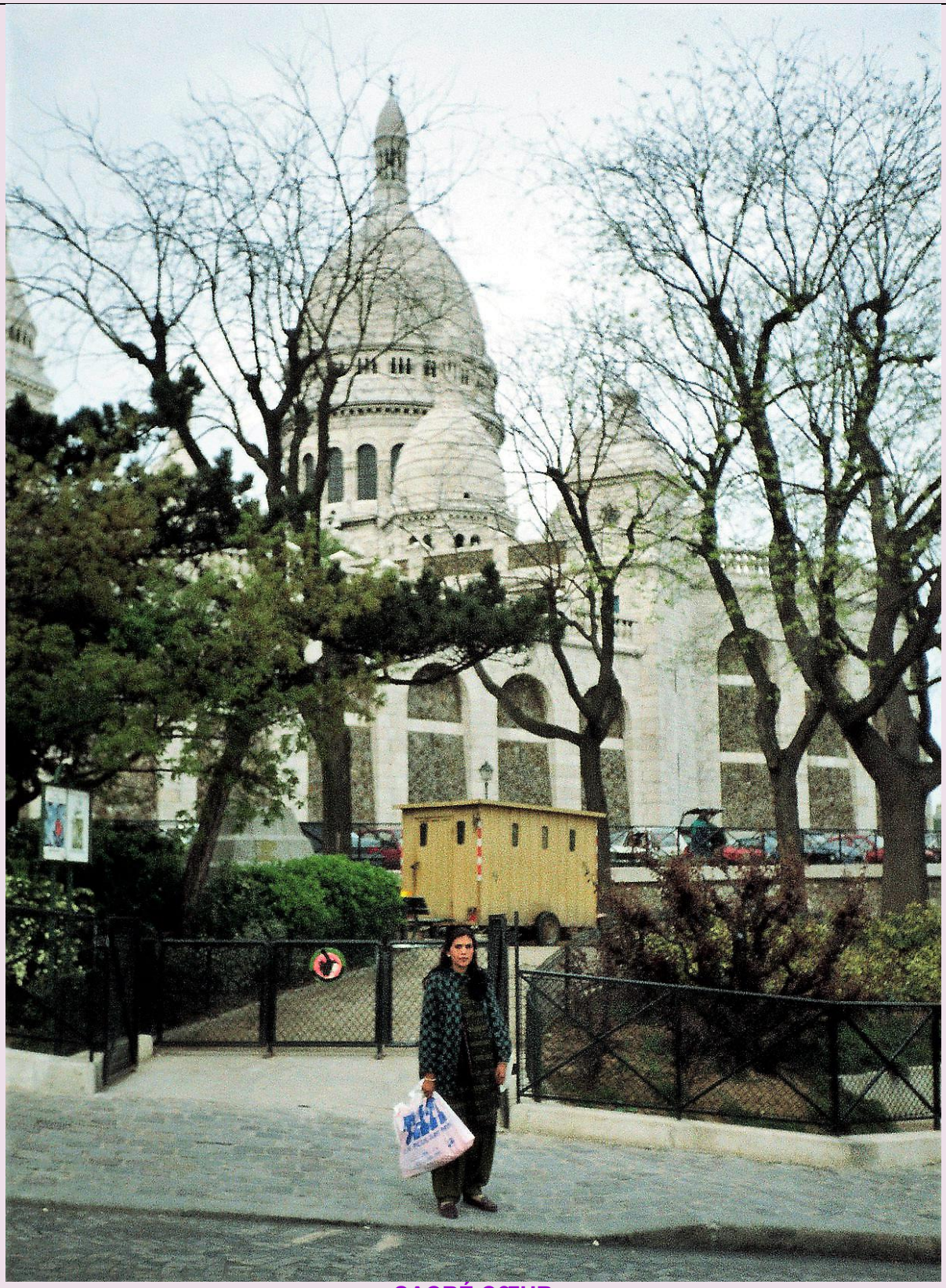

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TATI
PARIS
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When in Paris we shopped at the Stores which were selling the goods at comparatively cheaper price than the open market. There was a big which housed a large number of small stores selling goods at cheaper price. On the top of this building the word **'TATI'** was written conspicuously. We bought many useful goods and gifts and enjoyed the shopping and the crowd of people there.

TATI STORES
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PALACE OF VERSAILLES

PARIS
FRANCE

The Palace of Versailles was the Royal Residence of French Kings; and is located is located about 20 kilometers South-West of the centre of Paris.

We had heard a lot about this placed in our text books or otherwise. Therefore, one day we went there and saw the palaces and the environs. The walls were decorated with large paintings, painted close to real. We enjoyed the fountains as well and spent the whole day there. There were large number of tourists there enjoying their trip to France.

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GRANDE ARCHE DE LA DÉFENSE

PARIS
FRANCE

When we visited La Grande Arche de la Défense it was a hardly completed Monument in the newly constructed Business District of La Défense to the West of Paris, France. There were not many people when we were there. We enjoyed the area very much. It was grand infrastructure built in Paris and had added to the attractiveness of the city. Of course it was bound to bring the business and the tourist to France.

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BUSINESS DISTRICT OF LA DÉFENSE
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TOWARDS PARIS

When we were through with our visit of the Arche de la Défense we started walking towards the Central Paris. On our way we relaxed on the riverside, at food in the restaurant; and slowly headed towards the city. This was our most attractive part of the whole visit. We were at our leisure and pleasure. No hurry! We were walking at snail speed watching around. Every scene was new and an attraction for us.

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TAKING SOME FOOD
ON WAY TO CENTRAL PARIS

ARC DE TRIOMPHE

PARIS
FRANCE

The Arc de Triomphe de l'Étoile (Arc de Triomphe) is one of the most famous monuments in Paris, at the West End of the Champs-Élysées at the Juncture of twelve avenues.

This is the most prominent structure of Paris as is Eifel Tower. One can reach this place from whichever root one takes. This Arc has been constructed honor of those soldiers who gave their lives for France.

From Arche de la Défense, we reached this place at about noon. We stayed at this place for quite long time and saw the places around. We were inside the Arc and watched the Eternal Flame burning.

Roamed about the place and took some photographs.

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CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES
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After fully satiated at Arc the Triomphe we started our journey towards Concorde through Avenue Champs-Élysées which is 1.2 miles (1.9 km) long and is the most beautiful and well-known avenue in Paris. It connects Arc de Triomphe with the Place de la Concorde and is considered one of the world's most famous commercial streets.

On our way saw the things around and rested when felt like. This way we reached Concorde in the evening.

This Walk from Arc the Triomphe to Concord is the most remunerable trip of our lives which we can never forget.

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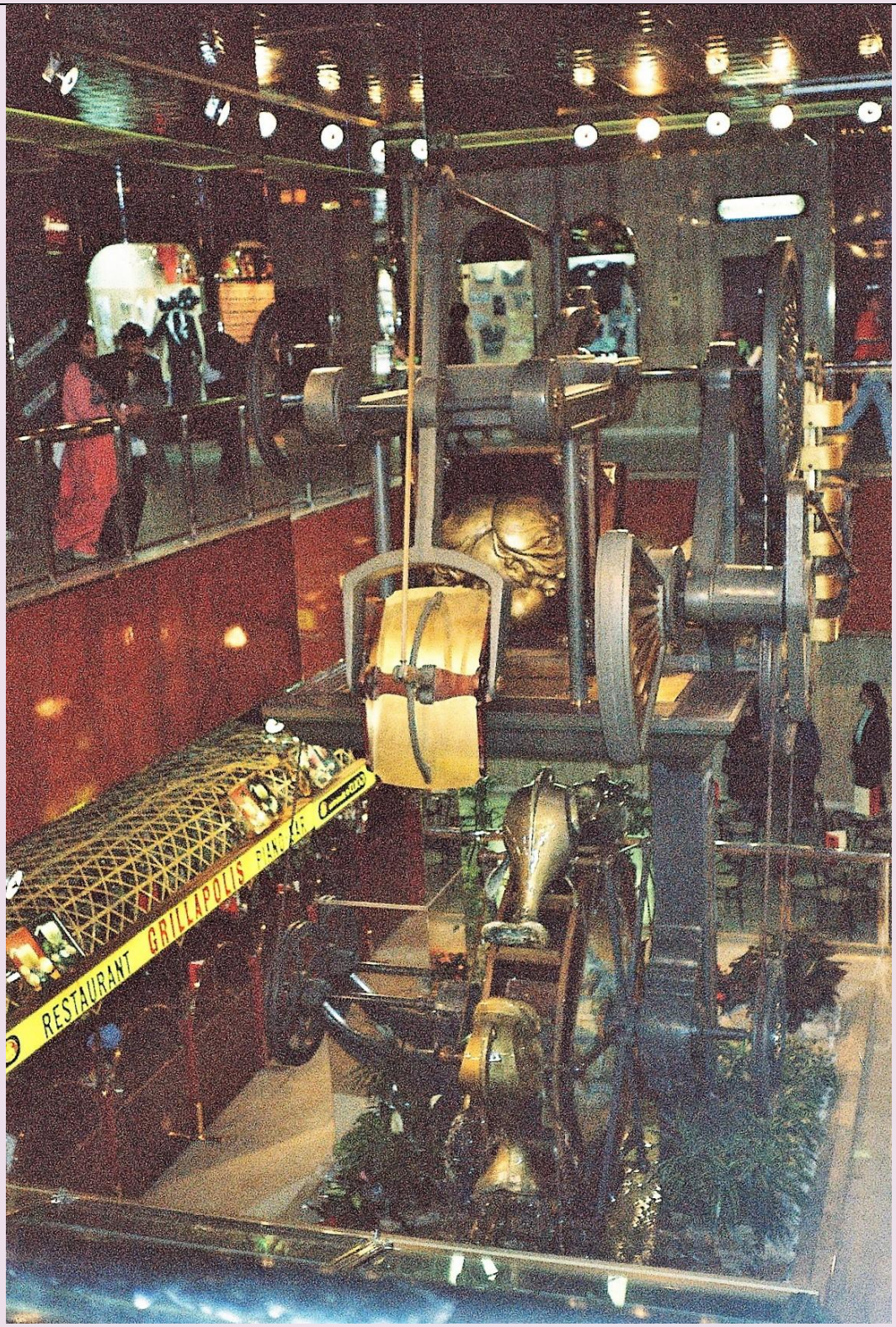
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PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

PARIS
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In the evening we reached Place de la Concorde, a large square at the Eastern End of the Avenue Champs-Elysees, Paris. France. There, we saw other attractions like Fountain Des Mers and Luxor Obelisk (Column), an ancient Egyptian Granite Obelisk (Column), from Luxor, Egypt. These were really exciting moments for us that we were seeing so many attractions at a place, that too in Paris.

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FONTAINE DES MERS
PLACE DE LA CONCORDE
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PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

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FONTAINE DU PALMIER

PARIS
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The Fontaine du Palmier is a monumental fountain located in the Place du Chatelet, Paris.

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PLACE DU CHÂTELET
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PARIS CITY

FRANCE

We stayed in France for quite a long time, therefore, were able to see lot of places of the city. It was really a very pleasant experience of our life. We enjoyed every place. The very feeling that we were moving in France, was quite exciting. Most of the time we were walking on foot which created a bond with the places we walked through and we still feel our presence there.

On the following pages we have place a few photograph of different place we visited in Paris.

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MOULIN ROUGH
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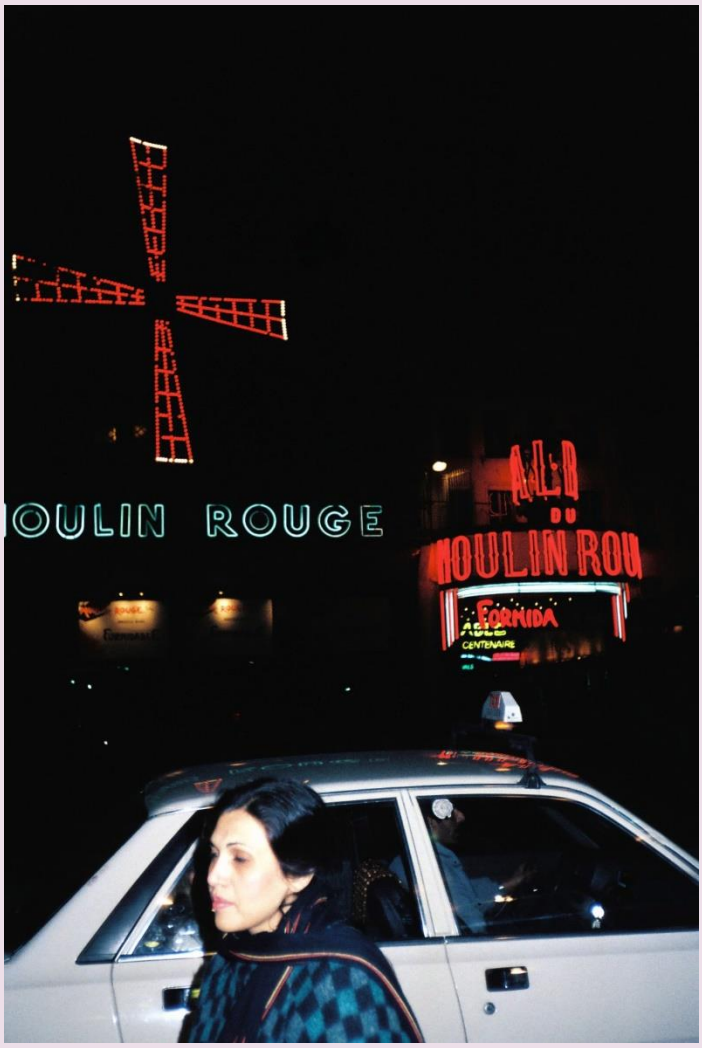
Moulin Rouge is a Cabaret in Paris, France and located at Boulevard de Clichy, Paris, France



MOULIN ROUGH
PARIS
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I, Maqsood Ahmad Khan, after having the Master Degree in Economics from the Government College, Lahore (Punjab University) in 1972, qualified the Competitive Examination for Civil Services of Pakistan 1974 and joined Traffic (Transportation & Commercial Group) of Pakistan Railways. I rose to the level of General Manager (Welfare & Training); and completed my services on 4th March 2010, after attaining superannuation. During the service, I could visit many a countries, viz Belgium, Canada, Egypt , England, France, Holland, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, UAE, USA, West Germany in connection with foreign assignments, training, meetings, visits and studies; alone or with the members of my family. To make theses journeys memorable, the use of the camera was a tool with me. The collection of the photographs thus taken, when seen at the later years, gave an account of travels round the world, which I am sharing with others as information; memoir or self-actualization. Hope, the readers would enjoy my Pictorial Travelogue. For any feedback or comments please contact at

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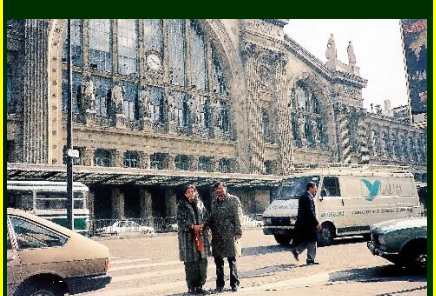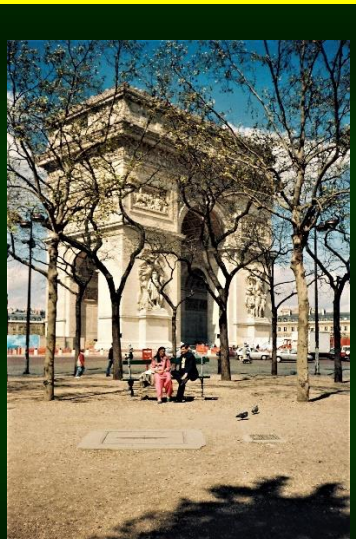
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